

**Royston Ward Alliance**  
6pm Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Via Microsoft Teams

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Caroline Makinson (Chair)
	Councillor Pauline McCarthy
	Councillor Tim Cheetham
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	Gemma Conway
	Graham Kyte
	Bill Newman
	John Openshaw
<b>In Attendance</b>	Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Kevan Riggett	
	John Clare	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non pecuniary interest</b>	
2.1	Non declared	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communications</b>	
3.1	None to report	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b>	
4.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 were a true record.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>	
5.1	<b>Defibrillator</b> , it was agreed to progress the installation at the Grove.	
5.2	<b>Filey Avenue Car Park</b> , No progress to date.	
5.3	<b>Railway Station</b> Application to be submitted to next round of funding in November.	
5.4	<b>Shop Fronts</b> a shop at bottom Millgate Street has new shop front installed today.	
5.5	<b>Royston Park Storage</b> use of container or tennis pavilion, members agreed to a site meeting.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Make Your Mark 2019 Review</b>	
6.1	The Community Development Office gave an update on the project and its outcomes. Across the North East Area the top three issues raised were, 1, Protect the environment, 2, Mental health and 3, Put an end to knife crime. The top local issue for the area Council was The effect of drug use in communities. Issues raised at Outwood Academy, Carlton were 1, Protect the environment, 2, Mental health and 3, Tackling hate crime. The top local issue was Young Peoples access to transport (the offer).	

	It was agreed that the Ward Alliance should engage with young people extending an invitation to the Ward Alliance.	<b>CMc</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>	
7.1	<b>Dial</b> , Report due at end of September	
7.2	<p><b>Green Spaces</b></p> <p>The chair gave an update on the work of the volunteers and the sessions held in the park. Ad Astra have also held sessions within the park. Members have also been supporting Royston Watch volunteers on their regular litter picks.</p> <p><b>The Wells</b> jet washing a date will be arranged</p> <p><b>Park</b> members raised concerns at the damage to trees in the orchard by vehicles used to empty the waste bins. It was reported that grass in the orchard is now being cut by the local authority.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> the footpath past the new development on Park Avenue is still an issue, the chair agreed to progress.</p>	<p><b>KC</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p>
7.3	<p><b>In Bloom</b>, it was reported that the Hanging Baskets should be installed this week.</p> <p>John Craig gave an update on the project; letters to volunteers are to be distributed. The project will be unable to work with schools on the Beds in the Park.</p> <p>It was agreed to move one of the planters on the Wells ready for the installation of a memorial bench.</p>	<b>CMc</b>
7.4	<p><b>Canal</b> John Clare submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Since the last meeting I am glad to say we have caught up with the work needing doing. We managed to get the rangers to give the Royston side paths a cut along the length, and we have had a few work parties last month.</p> <p>These included two in the boat. We took most of the dead tree out, which was opposite the disabled peg and cut back other far bank trees along the Royston side.</p> <p>The new path on Carlton has only needed the farmers side clipping and a little work up towards Shaw Lane. We have a bit more weed growth than we would like but with Covid we couldn't treat it in April/May but no real problem.</p> <p>We have had our share of fly tipping, but thanks to Christie this as been removed fairly quickly. I would also like to thank Christie for her help in us being able to distance ourselves from, and explain the rubbish being put on Face book by a disgruntled member. People are now aware this site is nothing to do with the club and I can only apologise to anyone who read the filth he was putting on. The Angling Trust (our insurers), Environment Agency and Pike Club GB are all aware of the facts, so it is dealt with.</p>	

7.5	<p><b>Section 106</b> Notes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> August were distributed to members prior to the meeting. The next meeting of the group is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at 10am via Microsoft's "Teams".</p> <p><b>Band Stand</b> a quote was obtained to replace the missing flame flowers in the panels around the band stand, it was agreed to support the installation from Ward Alliance funds.</p>	
7.6	<b>Events Group</b> , due to the current crisis all events are on hold.	
7.7	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b> 10 new lights have been ordered. It was agreed to contact shops benefitting from the Shop Fronts Scheme to sponsor a light.</p> <p>It was agreed to allocate funds to fix plaques to the lights "Supported by Royston Ward Alliance".</p>	
7.8	<b>Principal Towns</b> , no update.	
8.0	<b>Area Council</b>	
8.1	Currently having staffing issues with David Gill retiring and the recruitment process currently underway.	
9.0	<b>Funding Opportunities</b>	
9.1	None to report	
10.0	<b>Ward Alliance</b>	
10.1	<b>Finances</b> members were updated on the Ward Alliances Finances.	
10.2	<p><b>Application Applications</b> No applications received</p> <p><b>Band Stand</b> Replacement of missing Flame Flowers at a cost of £459.13 plus VAT. Members agreed to support through Ward Alliance funds.</p> <p><b>Christmas Light Plaques</b>, members agreed to utilise balance of funds allocated to Christmas Lights project for the addition of "Supported by Royston Ward Alliance" to each light.</p>	
11.0	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
11.1	<p><b>Great British Spring Clean.</b> It will now take place from the 11<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>Co operative/Wells embankment</b>, questions were raised on the ownership of the embankment currently maintained by Royston Green Spaces volunteers. Information received indicates it is owned by the Co op, it was agreed to contact the co op seeking permission to maintain the site and ask that trees on the site are maintained.</p> <p><b>Pavilion award</b> Members were shown a draft presentation to be used at the national awards ceremony where the pavilion has been short listed.</p>	
12.0	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
12.1	Monday the 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
	<b>The meeting closed at 19:30</b>	